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Title: INSTRUMENTATION  
SYSTEM INCLUDING A  
BACKPLANE HAVING A  
SWITCHED FABRIC BUS  
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the captioned case are the following:

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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Lines 21 – 22, please delete "such as Rapid 10, developed by" and substitute -- such as Rapid IO, developed by --.

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